

Ms. Steinmetz began her career with the city at age 15, working part-time after school and later, while attending college, she was offered a full-time position with the city at \$300 a month. In 1960, Ms. Steinmetz was appointed City Clerk, a position she held until her retirement.

Born and raised in Gilroy, Susanne's dedication to public service was perhaps inevitable. Her family has a long history of service to this small, close-knit community. Her maternal great-grandfather, Jacob Kiether, was a city trustee before the city was incorporated in 1870, later serving on the city council, and as mayor. Her father, Ben Thomas, served three terms on the city council.

No matter how busy or stressful her work-load was, Ms. Steinmetz was always willing to stop and answer questions from the public and co-workers. She is a unique individual who served her community extremely well, and still found the time to raise not one but two sets of twins, Jill and Jayne, age 28, and Tym and Thom, age 25.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Susanne Steinmetz on her many years of dedicated public service and invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking her and wishing Ms. Steinmetz and her family many years of continued success and happiness.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NEEDLES MUSTANGS

#### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring to your attention, once again, the avid pursuit and spirit of excellence from the young women and men of Needles, CA. I am speaking of the Needles High School Lady 'Stangs softball and Mustang baseball teams. These individuals will be remembered for their talent, hard work, perseverance, and commitment to work as a team. To me, and the proud friends, families, and citizens of Needles, CA, they are winners in every sense of the word.

The Lady 'Stangs who entered their championship tournament undefeated, approached their most worthy opponents with the faces of optimism and true strength. Although their opposition had a very impressive record of 24-4, the young women of Needles answered the challenge by outplaying their competitors in every game. Over the three game tournament the Lady 'Stangs blew out the competition by outscoring them 40 to 3.

A unique feature of this year's team was the winning contributions on all levels. From the new first year head coach and coaching staff, to the outstanding seasoned veteran seniors, the vital energy of the younger teammates, and the enduring support from parents and fans, these women had the winning combination for the State championship.

The city of Needles celebrated not one but two State championships that hot Saturday afternoon. I must mention an equally impressive Mustang baseball team whose battle to take the championship was a true fight to the end.

It was the Mustangs seventh time facing their AA Conference rivals and going into the

championship game they each won three. The men had fought hard to pull themselves back from the loser's bracket and become contenders once again for the title. In the second inning of the final game the Mustangs pulled away with a 7 to 0 advantage.

That was the last time they scored.

Their strong opponents capitalized on the men's fatigue and came back in the next five innings to a too close for comfort score of 7 to 6, advantage Needles. These Mustang men, with the support of teammates, friends, families, and fans held off and like the song goes: "For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out at the old ball game." The Mustangs found themselves the 1997 men's baseball State champions.

Mr. Speaker, these young men and women have gone above and beyond to exemplify the spirit of excellence. They played with the fire of champions and never faltered in their quest. Their courage and determination provides an example for all of us to admire and emulate. To all the people who make Needles their home, it was truly a championship year.

#### FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND THE 1998 BUDGET AGREEMENT

#### HON. ROBERT SMITH

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Agriculture reported bipartisan legislation increasing spending in the Food Stamp Program by \$1.5 billion over 5 years, in accord with the 1998 budget agreement.

The committee provided a total of \$1.1 billion, over 5 years, for food stamp employment and training programs—\$680 million in new money—and provided States the authority to grant waivers from the work rule for an additional 75,000 people.

Also, the committee required a maintenance of effort by States, at the request of the administration and committee Democrats. Maintenance of effort was not part of the budget agreement. Therefore, a State, as a condition of receipt of the new employment and training funds, must continue its State funding for employment and training programs.

The administration maintained the committee bill did not meet the 1998 budget agreement. I disagree. Nevertheless, extensive discussions were held with White House and other administration officials.

The administration wants all employment and training funds dedicated to workfare slots, which do not lead to gainful employment but only serve to keep able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons eligible for food stamps. They objected to the policy adopted by the committee because they preferred that all of the employment and training funds—as opposed to the 75 percent included in the committee bill—be dedicated to able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons with no dependents. Additionally, the administration objected to the inclusion of job search as an allowable activity for use of food stamp employment and training funds.

Therefore two changes were made to the committee bill to address the objections raised by the administration.

First, 80 percent of the total employment and training funds will be used to provide em-

ployment and training services to able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons.

Second, none of the employment and training funds required to be spent on able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons may be used for job search activities.

I recognize that these discussions will continue during our conference with the Senate. It is my hope that the committee will be able to continue its emphasis on flexibility for Governors and employment and training programs that actually result in jobs for able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons.

#### WARTIME VIOLATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT

#### HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to draw attention to a seldom remembered episode in America's past. During World War II, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, thousands of Italian-Americans were deprived of their basic civil liberties. We must acknowledge this terrible tragedy to pay tribute to those who suffered, and to ensure that such a breach of liberties will never happen again.

In 1942, Italians, numbering close to 23 million people, were the largest foreign-born group in the United States. While thousands of Italian-Americans were fighting for our country in Europe and the Pacific, Italian-Americans who had not attained citizenship were deemed enemy aliens. Whole Italian-American communities on the West Coast were evacuated. Shopkeepers, fishermen, and farm workers were ordered to move inland. As a result, families were separated. Jobs, homes, businesses, even some lives were lost. So many Italian-Americans suffered. Yet 50 years later, theirs is a largely untold story.

My resolution calls for the President to acknowledge the injustices suffered by Italian-Americans during World War II. Furthermore, the resolution calls on the Justice Department to publish a report, documenting the specific violations of their basic civil rights during this period. In order to heighten public awareness of these events, this resolution urges Federal agencies, such as the Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities, to sponsor conferences, seminars, and exhibits detailing this chapter of our Nation's history.

Italian-Americans are proud and loyal Americans. The impact of this wartime experience has had a devastating impact on their communities. As we work for equality and justice in America today, we cannot ignore the mistakes of our past. Italian-Americans deserve to have their story told.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARION KIRBY AND MAC MORRIS

#### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor two distinguished gentlemen from the Sixth District of North Carolina.